

<p style="text-align: center;">REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</p> <p>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.</p> <p>See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).</p>	<i>Application Number</i>	09/693.027
	<i>Filing Date</i>	October 20, 2000
	<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Callis et al.
	<i>Group Art Unit</i>	2144
	<i>Examiner Name</i>	Lambert T. Tran
	<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	5577-215

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCE's (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☐ **Previously submitted** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 iv. ☒ Other: Petition to Withdraw from Issue Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2)

FAX RECEIVED

NOV 15 2004

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

2. **Miscellaneous**



- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees**

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 09-0461.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other : Petition fee in the amount of \$130.00
- b. ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed to cover the RCE and petition fees.
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2039 enclosed)
- d. ☒ If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

Myers Bigel Sibley & Sajovec, P.A., P. O. Box 37428, Raleigh, North Carolina 27627,
Telephone: (919) 854-1400, Facsimile: (919) 854-1401, Customer No. 20792

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED			
Name (Print/Type)	Timothy J. O'Sullivan	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	35,632
Signature		Date	November 15, 2004
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION			
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Office of Patent and Trademark Administration, via facsimile number 571-273-0025 on the date shown below.			
Name (Print/Type)	Traci A. Brown	Date	November 15, 2004
Signature			

09693027

11/16/2004	AKELLEY	00000000
------------	---------	----------